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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. The attached documents were cited in the International Search Report in the corresponding PCT application No. PCT/EP02/09679.

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	
	International Search Report from corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/EP02/09679
	Cole et al.; Deciphering the biology of <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> from the complete genome sequence; Nature (June 1998) Vol. 393 pgs. 537-563

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